

Government of the District of Columbia

Department of Transportation



d. Planning & Sustainability Division

September 5th, 2019

Commissioner Gail Fast
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D
1101 4th Street SW, Suite W130
Washington, DC 200024
Email: office@anc6d.org

Re: Notification for the Proposed Installation of a 2-way Trail on the 200 – 300 blocks of P St SW
Notice # 19-100-PSD

Dear Chairperson Fast,

Pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Amendment Act of 2000” D.C. LAW 13-249 (48 DCR 3491 April 20, 2001), the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is required to give a written notice of our intent to modify parking and add a new two-way on-street bikeway. This letter is being forwarded to you for the purpose of notification and solicitation of comments on our intent to implement the following in your jurisdiction.

DDOT proposes to:

- Install a 2-block section of two-way bikeway on the south side of P Street SW against the existing curb in order to continue the Anacostia River Trail (ART) from its current termini at 4th and P SW and 2nd and P SW.
- Remove parking on the south side of the street adjacent to Fort McNair.
- Remove the existing “shared lane” or “sharrow” markings from P St SW.

The trail right-of-way will occupy the space currently allocated to 26 Zone 6 parking spaces on the south side of the street, adjacent to Fort McNair. The trail will be demarcated with a two-foot buffer similar to what currently exists on 2nd Street SW, south of P St. SW.

This trail segment is one of the most significant gaps in the existing trail network, and has been identified as the proposed route of the ART since the Anacostia Framework Plan was released in 2003, and has been in every document related to the construction of the ART since that time,

including MoveDC and the 2018 National Capital Trails plan released by a coalition of inter-jurisdictional groups, and including DDOT and NPS. The increase in traffic in Southwest surrounding the Wharf phase 1 and the opening of Audi Field in 2018 brings this issue to the fore today. In the near future, Wharf phase 2 will open, and construction is underway for up to 6,000 new residential units on Buzzard Point. The only way to reduce vehicular traffic is to provide safe and viable alternative routes for residents and visitors as they travel the District.

We anticipate the following benefits:

- A clear walking, biking, scooting route for people traveling in and through Southwest DC, and especially linking the two stadia, the Wharf, the Southwest Waterfront Metro, and Navy Yard areas.
- A contiguous, and safe trail designed around users between 8 and 80 years old.
- Substitution of automobile trips for walking, biking, and scooting trips in this area.
- Reduction of conflicts between drivers and non-motorized users
- Shorter exposure times at pedestrian crossings
- Improved safety due to reduction of existing conflicts.

All Comments on this subject matter must be filed in writing, not later than October 22nd, 2019, thirty (33) business days after the date of this notice, with the District Department of Transportation Planning and Sustainability Division, 55 M Street, SE, 5th Floor, Washington, DC, 20003 or via email at will.handsfield@dc.gov. If you would like to check the status of this Notice of Intent (NOI), please visit DDOT's website at <https://wiki.ddot.dc.gov/display/NOI>. In addition, if you have questions, have trouble accessing the NOI site or are unable to do so, please contact me at 202-671-3378.

Sincerely,



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